



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Safety to enter into a contract in accordance with the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Columbus State Community College for the awarding of college credit to the Division of Fire personnel who have received and completed training from the Division's Training Academy. The MOU and MOA were authorized by Ordinance 2242-2013 passed 9/30/2013.

The contract will allow for the following:

1. The awarding of 23 semester hours of college credit for each recruit who completes course work at the Fire academy.
2. The waiving of all enrollment and administrative fees students are normally charged by Columbus State Community College.
4. The establishment of a strategic partnership between the Division of Fire and Columbus State Community College which allows for each to cooperate in the sharing of significant and state-of-the-art facilities.
5. The timely completion of an Associate's Degree by members of the Division.

Contract Compliance: 310729591

Emergency action is necessary to allow for the immediate execution of the contract to continue the education services and appropriate certifications.

Fiscal impact: This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Safety to enter into contract with the Columbus State Community College and expend \$86,940.00 for the awarding of college credit to Columbus Division of Fire sworn personnel. The Division of Fire has budgeted \$86,940.00 in the 2015 General Fund Budget for this expense. This ordinance is contingent upon the passage of the 2015 General Fund Budget Appropriation.

To authorize and direct the Director of Public Safety to enter into a contract in accordance with the existing Memorandum of Understanding and Memorandum of Agreement with Columbus State Community College for the awarding of college credit to Columbus Division of Fire personnel who have received and completed training from the Division's Training Academy; to authorize the expenditure of \$86,940.00 from the General Fund, and to declare an emergency. (\$86,940.00)

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2242-2013 passed 9/30/2013 authorized the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Columbus Division of Fire and Columbus State Community College, which allows Columbus Fire personnel who have received and completed training from the Columbus Division of Fire be awarded direct college credit to be applied toward college advancement; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to enter into a contract with Columbus State Community College in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding and Memorandum of Agreement authorized by the aforementioned ordinance, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; Now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Safety be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract in accordance with the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Columbus State Community College as authorized via Ordinance passed .

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$86,940.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be expended from the General Fund 010, Department of Public Safety 30, Division of Fire 30-04, OCA 301481, OL3 Code 3336 to pay the cost thereof.

SECTION 6. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten (10) days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.